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SUBJ: COLOMBIA'S RECENT MARITIME CLAIM

REF: STATE 207332

1. COPY OF MARITIME LAW (NO. 10, 1978) PASSED AND IMPLEMENTED
JULY 25, 1978 BEING POUCHED TO INR/RGE 24 AUGUST. INFORMAL
TRANSLATION OF ARTICLES PERTAINING TO ECONOMIC ZONE FOLLOWS:

"ART. 4 - THE NORMAL BASE LINE FOR MEASURING THE WIDTH
OF TERRITORIAL WATERS WILL BE THE LOW TIDE LINE ALONG THE COAST.
IN SITES WHERE THE COAST MAY HAVE DEEP OPENINGS OR INLETS,
OR WHERE THERE MAY BE A STRIP OF LAND ALONG THE COAST IN
IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY, THE MEASUREMENT WILL BE MADE STARTING
FROM THE STRAIGHT BASE LINES WHICH CONNECT THE APPROPRIATE
POINTS. WATERS LOCATED BETWEEN THE BASE LINES AND THE COAST
WILL BE CONSIDERED INTERIOR (TERRITORIAL) WATERS.

ART. 7- AN EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE IS ESTABLISHED ADJACENT
TO TERRITORIAL WATERS, WHOSE OUTSIDE LIMIT WILL REACH TO
200 NAUTICAL MILES MEASURED FROM THE BASE LINES FROM WHICH THE
WIDTH OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IS MEASURED".

"ART 8. - IN THE ZONE ESTABLISHED BY THE PRECEEDING ARTICLE,
THE COLOMBIAN NATION WILL EXERCISE SOVEREIGN RIGHTS IN
THE EXPLORATION, EXPLOITATION, CONSERVATION AND ADMINISTRA-
TION OF THE NATURAL LIVING AND NON-LIVING RESOURCES OF THE
SEABED AND SUBSOIL OF THE ADJACENT WATERS; ALSO IT

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WILL EXERCISE EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OVER SCIENTIFIC RE-
SEARCH AND OVER PRESERVATION OF THE MARINE MEDIUM."

"ART 10 - THE SOVERIGNITY OF THE NATION IS EXTENDED TO ITS
CONTINENTAL PLATFORM WITH REGARD TO EXPLORATION AND EXPLOI-
TATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES."

2. LAW STATES THAT GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA WILL DETERMINE

THE BASE LINES AND PUBLISH THESE IN OFFICIAL MARITIME
CHARTS, AND CONCEDES FACULTIES TO VARIOUS GOVERNMENT AGENCIES,
FOR A PERIOD OF ONE YEAR FOLLOWING IMPLEMENTATION, TO MAKE
THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO EXECUTE THE
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